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## Minutes Of March 2, 2010

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, in room 210, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933.

- Senator Kuipers called the meeting to order at 1:07 P.M. The roll of the Committee was called by the Committee Clerk.

Senator Kuipers – Present  
Senator Cropsey – Present  
Senator Sanborn – Present  
Senator Patterson – Excused  
Senator Stamas – Present  
Senator Whitmer – Present  
Senator Clarke – Excused  
Senator Basham – Present

### Agenda

- Approve minutes from February 9, 2010.

Motion by Senator Cropsey to approve the minutes from February 9, 2010, and was supported by Senator Sanborn.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes  
Senator Cropsey – Yes  
Senator Sanborn – Yes  
Senator Patterson – Excused  
Senator Stamas – Yes  
Senator Whitmer – Yes  
Senator Clarke – Excused  
Senator Basham – Yes

- Approve minutes from February 23, 2010.

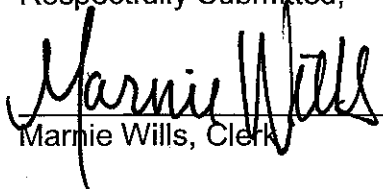
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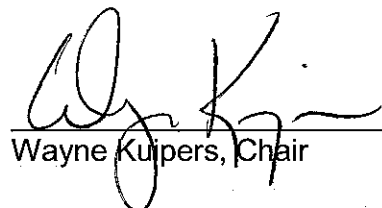
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Senator Clarke – Excused  
Senator Basham – Yes

- Senator Kuipers opened up testimony on Senate Bills 826 and 827.
  1. Director Caruso, representing the Michigan Department of Corrections, spoke briefly and supports the bills.
  2. Marshall Clement, representing the Council of State Governments, spoke briefly and supports the bills.
  3. Richard Jerome, representing the Pew Center on the States, spoke briefly and supports the bills.
  4. Pastor Jim Liske, representing Ridge Point 70 X 7, spoke briefly and supports the bills.
  5. Denise Harris, representing Prison Fellowship, spoke briefly and supports the bills.
  6. Stuart Dunnings, representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, spoke briefly and supports the bills.
  7. Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, spoke briefly and supports the bills.
  8. Jon Campbell, representing MAC and Allegan County, spoke briefly and supports the bills.
  9. Brad Williams, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber, spoke briefly and supports the bills.
  10. John Bebow, representing the Center for Michigan, spoke briefly and supports the bills.
  11. Barbara Levine, representing Citizens Alliance on Prisons and Public Spending, did not speak but opposes the bills.
  12. Joelle Demand, representing the Michigan Bankers Association, did not speak but supports the bills.
  13. Mike Johnston, representing the MMA, did not speak but supports the bills.
  14. Bonnie Bochniak, representing the Michigan Business and Professional Association, did not speak but supports the bills.
- Senator Kuipers adjourned the meeting at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Marnie Wills, Clerk

  
Wayne Kuipers, Chair

3-9-2010  
Date Approved